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1. REGRET PRESSURE OF WORK PREVENTED SUBMISSION CODEL WYATT REPORT EARLIER. CODEL VISITED EGYPT AUGUST 25 TO AUG 29. ONE DAY WAS SPENT TOURING SUEZ CANAL AREA AND A SECOND ON A ONE-DAY TRIP TO LUXOR AS REQUESTED. BY GOOD FORTUNE, KARANAK SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW WAS AGAIN OPERABLE THAT NIGHT AND SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ENJOYED.

2. CODEL STAYED AT RESIDENCE, OFFERING FREQUENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMBASSADOR AND CODEL TO DISCUSS VARIOUS POLICY, ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECURITY MATTERS. AMBASSADOR OUTLINED FOR HIM CURRENT STATE OF PLY RE US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS AND RELATED MATTERS. AT CODEL'S REQUEST, AMBASSADOR ALSO BRIEFED HIM ON STATUS OF GIZA PROPERTY EXCHANGE. CODEL ASKED FOR MEMORANDUM ON SUBJECT,WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY POUCHED TO HIM. (DEPT HAS COPIES). CODEL ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN RE AMBASSADOR'S PERSONAL SECURITY AND, ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, HAS MADE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BEIRUT ABOUT THIS.

3. DURING DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AUGUST 28,
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NATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGENCY, AND CHAIRMAN OF BUDGET AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY. DISCUSSION WAS WIDE-RANGING AND INCLUDED EGYPTIAN INVESTMENT CLIMATE, NEW INVESTMENT LAW, EGYPTIAN BUDGETARY PROCEDURES, ETC. CODEL THROUGHOUT REAFFIRMED CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR CURRRENT MIDDLE EAST POLICY AND PRESIDENT FORD'S FULL ENDORSEMENT THEREOF.

4. IN ISMAILIA, CODEL MET WITH MINISTER OF RECONSTRUCTION OSMAN AHMED OSMAN FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR AND HEARD BRIEFING ON EGYPTIAN HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. CODEL COMMENTED ON OSMAN'S EXTENSEIVE EXPERIENCE IN CONSTRUCTION FIELD AND MENTIONED INDUSTRY COMMODITIES PRODUCED IN OREGON, INCLUDING WOOD PRODUCTS. OSMAN REAFFIRMED HIS READINESS TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN COMPANIES. THEREAFTER, CODEL BRIEFLY VISITED SINAI BEFORE TORUING WEST BANK OF CANAL FROM ISMAILIA TO PORT SAID.

5. CODEL'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT REPORTED CAIRO 6653.

6. FROM OUR VIEWPOINT, VISIT WAS A SUCCESS. CODEL MADE EXCELLENT IMPRESSIONON ALL WHO MET HIM AS KNOWLEDGEABLE, INTERESTED AND SYMPATHETIC OBSERVER. HIS REAFFIRMATION OF USG POLICY WAS ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED. PRESIDENT SADAT WAS CLEARLY PLEASED AT VARIOUS CODEL COMMENTS. EMBASSY ALSO APPRECIATED HIS HELPFUL COUNSEL AND GENERAL INTEREST IN OUR PROBLEMS. EILTS

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